

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands

## Urias promises frequent visits

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

Get used to seeing Brig. Gen. John Urias. He'll be back.

The new SMDC deputy commanding general capped a four-day visit to the island Friday, announcing he intended to visit as much as once a quarter.

"I am the command advocate for USAKA and I don't want to do it by word of mouth, don't want to do it by e-mail. I want to have eyes on the target," he said.

Urias arrived on Tuesday, along with Dr. Linda Gentle, deputy director of SMDC Acquisition Center; Col. John King, SMDC chief counsel, SJA; Col. Mike LaValle, SMDC deputy chief of staff for Resource Management; and Lt. Col. Jon Bridges, SMDC AC executive officer.

The group toured USAKA facilities, the range and Wake Island, receiving nu-

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

KMR Commander Lt. Col. Ray Jones, right, talks with SMDC's Brig. Gen. John Urias and Dr. Linda Gentle during a tour of Wake Island Thursday.

## Gentle focuses on mentorship at luncheon

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

Dr. Linda Gentle did not stand alone at the podium at Friday's annual Women's History Month Luncheon at the Yokwe Yuk Club.

Standing next to her were Rosa Parks and Pearl Buck and her own grandmother, who marched on Washington, D.C., for women's suffrage.

"Without these trailblazers, we probably wouldn't be here today," said Gentle, deputy director of SMDC Acquisition Center and guest speaker at the event.

After encouraging those in attendance to research the history of women, particularly in their own fami-

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Ready to rumble —

## Wrestling entertains big crowd

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

One Man Gang is the consummate bruiser in the professional sport of wrestling. There's nobody he hasn't tangled with. There's no place in the world where he hasn't put the big hurt on an opponent.

But professional wrestling is really just a way to

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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

One Man Gang, a 25-year wrestling veteran, makes his way to the ring for his main event match with Doink the Clown.

## Editorial

## Letters to the Editor

## Taxi service will be missed in many ways

This letter is in response to the hot topic of taxis.

Apparently, one resident at the [March 6 Kwajalein] Town Hall meeting "raised a concern about those who need transportation to the hospital for appointments." I would have raised concerns about more than hospital appointments.

On Dec. 21, I stepped on a toothpick. I was faced with the inability to ride my bike or walk very far.

But I had the taxis to rely on. Not. The taxis soon went down "indefinitely." I had to rely on friends to help me out by taking my child to pre-school and functions I was in charge of. My husband shopped, but nutritious foods are just not his forte. I do a lot of volunteer work, most went on hold because I could no longer get there. There were times when I decided to walk on my crutches to places, and some people with scooters would stop to offer rides — four times.

There is a scooter assigned to the hospital for appointments. But, as I don't drive, I had to rely on someone taking off work. This rarely worked.

The scooter was not available and we would have to wait. I'm sorry, but someone's time is valuable.

This made me realize what a special community we have — you all have great hearts. Hats off to all those who helped out in a very difficult time.

But I wanted to let people know that the taxis were used for a lot more than what you might think. We are a flexible community. We will work around no taxi. We can't meet all the needs all the time. But the taxis do provide a service and will be missed. Thanks for listening to my rambles.

Sincerely,

**Lora Kendrick**  
**The Toothpick Lady**

**(Editor's Note:** The following information was provided by Bert Godlewski, USAKA's automotive branch director, for alternative means of transportation:

•For emergency transportation, call 911 for ambulance service.

•For appointments or sick call, patients may have access to a hospital vehicle. If you need a ride to the hospital and have a friend or family member with a driver's license, call the hospital and see if one of the vehicles is available. If so, a licensed driver may

come to the hospital to check out a vehicle to transport the patient to the hospital. Hospital personnel cannot pick up patients for transport.

•If you're at work and a scooter or van is available, your supervisor has the authority to let you use it for a trip to the hospital appointment or sick call.

•If you receive an item at the post office that is too large or heavy for your bike or to carry, you can rent a vehicle from Automotive after 4:30 p.m. The pick-up window at the post office is open late enough to allow time to do this.

•Another option is to get to the post office before 12:30 or 4:30 p.m., pick up your item(s) and take the shuttle bus home.

•If it's at the end of the work day, you can take the work bus back to the downtown area the following morning and continue bicycling to work.

The intent of USAKA/KMR Regulation 56-4 is to cover normal operations and day-to-day activity.

It's a common sense approach now. If you have special circumstances or needs, forward those needs through your management chain via the Special Transportation Request, Form 1051.

As with any community issue or suggestion, you can call the Commander's Hotline, 51098.

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## Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



**Best buy**

## Kwaj Lodge free for Roi residents in transit while on official travel

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

Roi-Namur residents can stay for free at the Kwaj Lodge when they return from an official off-island trip and must stay on Kwajalein overnight, according to John Wallace, RSE Kwajalein Programs director.

An official trip, in this case, includes TDYs and emergency or annual leaves — any time the company pays for the airfare, Wallace said. Conversely, a hotel stay is a personal expense if the resident is paying for the airline fare.

Upon learning of an official trip and the need to stay overnight on Kwajalein, the traveler's supervisor should fax or e-mail Housing Services, informing them that this is a company-paid trip, Wallace said. He emphasized that free lodging would be available only when the returning off-island plane lands after the last 1900D has left for Roi.

This policy is extended to Roi residents on official last-minute or emergency trips who cannot get a reservation on the 1900D in time for baggage check-in, Wallace said. "The resident can fly down to Kwaj the night before and stay at the Kwaj Lodge free."

Additional help in getting home to Roi the same day is being provided by Aviation Services.

If an off-island flight comes in about the same time as the last flight to Roi leaves, Aviation will hold the 1900D up to 30 minutes to accommodate the traveler, said Joe Johnston, Aviation Department airfield manager. Aviation personnel can delay the flight

only if they know about the returning resident.

"The key is the reservation system," Johnston said, explaining that travelers should call Faith Fullerton at 56359 or 56FLY to make reservations on the 1900D before leaving the island.

"Let me know what your plans are," Fullerton said, adding that if possible travelers should call again just before returning to Kwajalein.

There are times, due to the 1900D schedule, that a resident will have to wait until later in the day to return to Roi, Johnston said. In the case of Aloha flights — which arrive at 7:04 p.m. Fridays and, as of April 1, 6:34 p.m. Tuesdays — a reservation will be needed at the Kwaj Lodge, since there are no late 1900D flights on those days.

Reservations are the key to a room at the Kwaj Lodge, whether the traveler is on an official or unofficial trip.

Carol Eaton, USAKA/KMR Housing manager, said that priority for official travelers is the same as for any other TDY. "Until they get back to their point of departure, which is Roi, they are still on TDY."

RSE Housing Service Superintendent Susan Kleback emphasized the need for reservations, but encouraged people to come over and check availability if they inadvertently miss their flight.

"We've not had an issue with availability," Kleback said.

Cost for a room on a space-available basis for those on unofficial status is \$20 a night.

### New Books

at



### Grace Sherwood Library

#### McNaughton Fiction

*Blood Lure* by Nevada Barr

*Jupiter* by Ben Bova

*The Cat Who Smelled a Rat*

by Lilian Jackson

Braun

*The Tin Collectors* by

Stephen Cannell

*Speaking in Tongues*

by Jeff Deaver

*The Redemption of Athalus*

by David Eddings

*Cause Celeb* by

Helen Fielding

*Code to Zero* by Ken Follett

*Bad Boy* by Olivia Goldsmith

*Irish Love* by Andrew

Greeley

*Special Ops* by W.E.B. Griffin

*Cold Flat Junction* by

Martha Grimes

*A Painted House* by

John Grisham

*Sarah's Child* by

Linda Howard

*Candyland* by Evan Hunter

*The Big Silence* by

Stuart Kaminsky

*From the Corner of His Eye*

by Dean Coontz

*The Constant Gardener* by

John LeCarre

*Protect and Defend* by

Richard North Patterson

*The Whitechapel Conspiracy*

by Anne Perry

*A Dish Taken Cold* by

Anne Perry

*Piranha to Scurfy and Other*

*Stories* by Ruth Rendell

#### McNaughton Nonfiction

*The Ethics of Star Trek* by

Judith Barad

*Kitchen Confidential* by

Anthony Bourdain

*Live Right 4 (for) Your Type* by

Peter D'Adamo

*Heart* by Gail Godwin

*Mind Seige* by Tim LaHaye

*Shackleton's Way: Leader-*

*ship Lessons...* by

Margot Morrell

*Mystery on Everest* by

Audrey Salkeld

## VITA volunteers ready to help as tax deadline nears

The following people are trained volunteers willing to help their fellow employees with income tax returns:

Annette Alley, Aeromet, 51508; Ruby Butterworth, Kwajalein Job Corps, 55622; Dave Schmechel, 56715; Stacey Kaluhiokalani, Lockheed, 54545; JoAn McWilliams, Mevatec, 58835; Raytheon: Steve

Craig, 56191; Mickey Culberson, 56403; Carol Ehart, 51520; Deana Fish, 58878; Flynn Gideon, 50002; Lester Holland, 51466; Kelly Morger, 54324; Tien Thuy Pham, 52475; Eugene Smit, 53328; Ginny McMurtrie, USAKA, 52297; Kent Duncan, attorney, 51462; and Francoise Standifer, paralegal, 53417.





The Patriot, sporting arms like tree trunks, matches brawn against Samu the Samoan in Thursday night's semi-final contest. With the help of Samu's dastardly manager, Tom Shade, the Patriot lost despite the enthusiastic cheers of "U.S.A." from the crowd.

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pay the bills, said the 25-year ring veteran.

"I've been one of the lucky ones," said Gang during a pre-bout interview. "I'll go as long as I can go."

Name it, and he's probably broken it, strained it, bruised it or twisted it. He even wears glasses these days, an incongruous picture with the receding mohawk and colorful tattoos. But come game time, he's all bravado and mean-

ness, cursing the crowd and throwing stares as hard as a steel chain.

"I love it. I knew I was going to be a professional wrestler," Gang said.

Kwajalein certainly loved the 360-pound menace and the other 11 wrestlers who put their bodies and personas on the line for entertainment's sake.

"It was the biggest

turnout since Kwaj carnival days," said Simone Smead, Community Activities manager, referring to the time when crowds of up to 10,000 poured onto the island. Smead estimated Thursday's crowd at 3,500.

Police Chief Bruce Bell said that Dock Security Checkpoint registered 1,852 people on-island just



Samu describes the vicious punishment that awaits the Patriot during a pre-game interview with CPN's Rich Feagler and Patrick Fenko.



One Man Gang signs an autograph for Rudy Gil Jr., who said he was familiar with some of the wrestlers because he's "seen them on Nintendo games."

for the show. That number doesn't include C-badge workers. There were plenty of Kwajers in attendance, as well.

"It's fun. I like being entertained," said resident Kelly Carpenter.

Admitted resident Jeff Khol, "I'm probably into it more than most."

Khol said he was disappointed that Honky Tonk Man, who had been slated to face One Man Gang but left the tour for personal reasons, couldn't make it.

"If the Honky Tonk Man had been here, we would have dressed up, with guitars," he added.

Thursday's show represented one of the last stops for the World Wrestling Alliance, which headed to Johnston Island Sunday. The athletes and their entourage had already been to Korea, Japan and Guam.

"If you have the heart and

dedication, it's a great sport," said Malia Hosaka, a dark-haired Hawaiian beauty who's been in the business for 14 years and worked for the World Wrestling Federation, where she was billed as one of the "good guys."

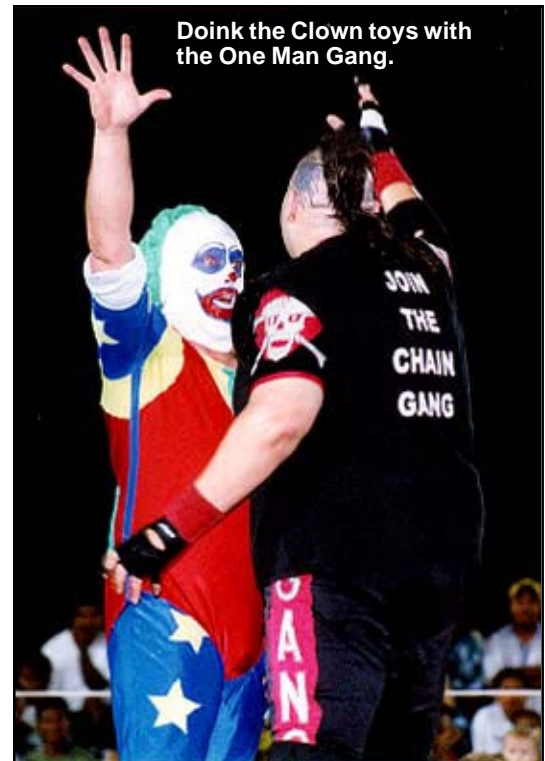
That's not necessarily by choice, however. "I like to be bad," she added with sly grin.

At least one Kwajalein fan is ready to join the tour. John Harris III, who wrote a stirring soliloquy in defense of wrestling last week, was charged up after the show was over.

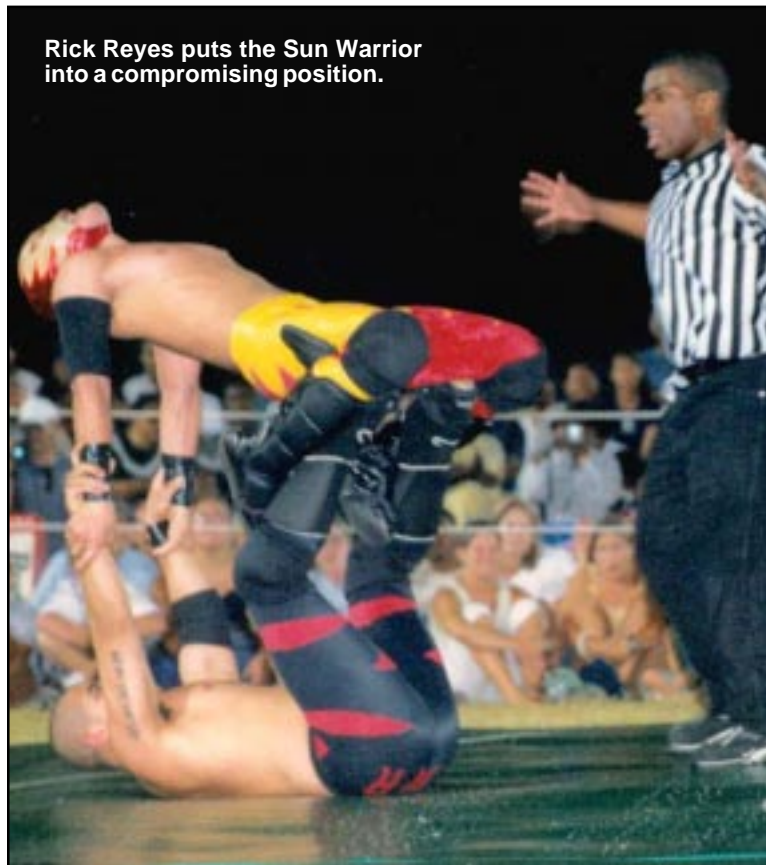
"If I'd been out there I would have used a chair, and that guy would never have gotten up, because I'm the baddest man on Kwaj. I'll take on all comers," he declared.

Incidentally, Harris PCSes this week, so that offer is good for a limited time only.

But the memories of Thursday night will last a long time.



Doink the Clown toys with the One Man Gang.



Rick Reyes puts the Sun Warrior into a compromising position.



Hundreds of young fans cheer their favorite wrestlers.



Malia Hosaka visits with fans before her bout.



## Urias impressed with Kwajalein assets ...

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merous briefings and visiting with personnel throughout the island.

"I enjoyed meeting the people, top to bottom, and I talked to a lot of them," Urias said. "I'm very impressed. I haven't seen this kind of high technology and dedication anywhere, and I've seen a lot of test facilities."

Urias said he hopes to come back on a quarterly basis, and with his initial briefings now out of the way, he hopes to concentrate on specific missions and tasks.

As the SMDC deputy commanding general, Urias said he will advocate for "adequate resources," and speak on behalf of the command.

"I want to get the word out more effectively and be the spokesperson to external agencies [including Congress] on the tremendous capabilities on Kwaj," he said. "It is truly a national treasure, and deserves adequate resources and priority. I don't think people have enough appreciation of the capabilities out here."

First on his list will be to bring a new commanding general up to speed on Kwajalein. Lt. Gen. John Costello, SMDC commanding general, will retire at the end of the month.

"He's done a tremendous job as commanding general," Urias said of Costello.

Urias also spoke on Kwaj's APIC, Vision 2015 and the contract recompet.

"I can see why USAKA received the command's [APIC] award for 2000," the general said. "The people in Kwajalein are living it. You've taken it to the next level."

On Vision 2015, Urias said, "Not only is the Army in transition, but DoD is in transition. [With Vision 2015], USAKA is positioned extremely well to adjust to any demands or change in the way we do business."

With several companies competing for the Kwajalein contracts this year, Urias said he couldn't comment much on the topic, but added, "I will be involved. The process we have in place will result in a fair and open competitive process so we can set the stage for success in the future."

Wrapping up the formal interview, Urias concluded with a phrase familiar to a lot of Kwaj residents.

Said Urias, "This is a *Hooah* team."



**Aimee Burnham, front, listens attentively to Dr. Linda Gentle, reflected in mirror, at Friday's Women's History Month luncheon at the Yokwe Yuk Club. Gentle talked about the importance of mentors in one's life.**

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

## Mentors grow future leaders, Gentle says ...

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lies, Gentle launched into a spirited case for mentorship, going beyond this year's theme of "Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision."

Said Gentle, echoing an earlier sentiment, "I don't think any of us would be where we are today without help."

Gentle described a mentor as someone who teaches, trains and shares. It is someone who is well-respected, honest and sincere, she added, praising the military's system of mentorship, urging men and women to follow their example.

"We, as women, are not very good mentors today ... Civilians do not mentor someone as well," she said. "You have to have somebody grow-

ing our future leaders.

"Mentors don't tell you what to do," she continued. "Mentors can help you know what needs to be done to get where you want to go."

Gentle has been deputy director of SMDC Acquisition Center since November 1998, and served as the acting director since October 1999 until Brig. Gen John Urias' appointment as director.

Those in attendance at the luncheon were greeted in the foyer by the country tunes of Dolly Parton's "An Eagle When She Flies" and a slide show of Kwaj women at work, along with displays of books and historical information.

Master Sgt. Billy F. Jarrell emceed the event.

## Scuba companies recall numerous regulators, BCDs

### From staff reports

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Safety Product Commission, several scuba diving companies are recalling regulators and BCDs.

Atomic Aquatics is voluntarily recalling certain first stage regulators for a possibly defective spring, which could break without warning, causing restricted airflow or air shut-off, which could lead to drowning or personal injury, according to the company's website.

The recall includes first stage regulators manufactured between May 11, 1999 and Oct. 27, 1999, with serial numbers A07751-A11276. The serial number is located beneath second stage mouthpiece.

Contact Atomic Aquatics, 888-270-8595, or an authorized dealer for repair information. Or visit the website at [www.aquaticatomics.com/recall/a07751.html](http://www.aquaticatomics.com/recall/a07751.html).

It has also recently been identified that molding variations in one component of the overpressure valve used in Sherwood Scuba and Genesis Scuba Buoyancy Compensators could, in rare instances, prevent the OPVs from sealing properly, according to the companies' websites.

Although this variation is not present in every OPV, and due to the difficulty in determining in the field which OPVs are suspect, Genesis and Sherwood are requiring that all affected BCDs be updated with new OPV assemblies. Replacement OPV assemblies are now being supplied to authorized Genesis Scuba dealers to facilitate this replacement.

Genesis BCDs that are being recalled include Cayman, Cobra, Athena and Phantom models purchased after Sept. 1, 2000 with a serial number between 21280001 and 22010740. Also, Talon and ReCon

models purchased after July 15, 2000 with a serial number between 20520001 and 22010740.

Sherwood BCDs that are affected include Silhouette, Magnum, Avid, Luna, Outback and Freedom models purchased after Sept. 1, 2000, with a serial number between 21280001 and 22010740.

On every affected BCD the serial number is located in two places. The first location can be found on the white "IMPORTANT NOTICE" tag. The second location can be found permanently printed onto the aircell. The BCD serial number is the eight-digit number. The number located next to the serial number is the material lot number.

For more information, see the company websites at [www.sherwoodscuba.com/OPV/index.html](http://www.sherwoodscuba.com/OPV/index.html) and [www.genesscuba.com/OPV/index.html](http://www.genesscuba.com/OPV/index.html).

## Missile defense, space control needs emerge from SMDC space game

(*Defense Daily*, March 13, 2001)  
The need for missile defense combined with anti-satellite systems, lasers and jammers to gain control of space in the early stages of conflict emerged as a key lesson from the Army's fourth annual space wargame this month.

SMDC's space wargame this month also demonstrated the need for greater focus on space control and missile defense from a higher policy level.

This year's game, which was built on the lessons learned in previous Army space games, placed a great emphasis on commercial space assets and the recent findings of the Rumsfeld Space Commission.

The game, which took place March 5-9 at the Joint National Test Facility in Colorado Springs, Colo., focused on Army capabilities in the years 2015-17.

Ballistic missile defense ... emerged from the game as an important aspect of maintaining a coalition in a conflict scenario.

The Air Force's first space wargame at Schriever AFB, Colo., in January found that missile defense had a



direct impact on the ability to attain air superiority.

### Lasers could be the answer

(*The Guardian* (London), March 15 2001) George Bush's National Missile Defense system loses credibility every time the interceptor missiles fail during tests.

But away from the publicity lasers have been making steady progress. Lasers have been destroying test targets for 30 years, but an operational system has always been elusive.

The challenge is to build a laser powerful enough to do the job. The largest system in prospect is the Airborne Laser, a modified Boeing 747 with six chemical oxygen iodine la-

sers (Coil).

The Coil reacts hydrogen peroxide and potassium hydroxide — better known as hair bleach and drain cleaner — with chlorine to produce oxygen molecules in a high energy state. Iodine is added to take up this energy and emit it as laser light. The output from the six lasers is combined into a single beam powerful enough to destroy a ballistic missile hundreds of miles away — in theory.

### Rumsfeld cautious on NMD

(*Wall Street Journal*, March 16, 2001) The defense secretary appears likely to say no to a Pentagon plan to start construction in July on a ground-based shield similar to one Clinton proposed.

Pentagon officials say it doesn't matter whether work in Alaska begins this year or in 2002. The earliest a shield could be completed is 2006. Rumsfeld continues to review several ground, sea and space-based options to ultimately develop a NMD system.

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**See you at the movies!****Saturday****The Emperor's New Groove  
(G, New Release)**

This animated Walt Disney film follows the adventures of a young Incan emperor whose hubris leads him into trouble with a sorceress. (Voices of David Spade, Eartha Kitt, John Goodman) (79 minutes)  
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Duets (R, New Release)**

The lives of six character intersect as they each move closer to their destiny at the national karaoke final in Omaha in this road comedy with music. (Huey Lewis, Gwyneth Paltrow, Paul Giamatti) (112 minutes)  
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**Double Take (PG-13, New Release)**

A successful investment banker learns that one of his biggest clients is actually a Mexican drug cartel. Now he's implicated in a money laundering scheme, the FBI is after him and everyone he meets has an angle. (Eddie Griffin, Orlando Jones) (88 minutes)  
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

**Sunday****Double Take (PG-13, New Release)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**The Legend of Bagger Vance  
(PG-13, New Release)**

A gifted amateur golfer falls into alcoholism and disrepute after World War I. He reluctantly gets back into the game to help out a beautiful heiress. (Matt Damon, Will Smith) (127 minutes)  
Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

**Duets (R, New Release)**

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**The Emperor's New Groove  
(G, New Release)**

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

**Monday****The Emperor's New Groove  
(G, New Release)**

Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.

**Duets (R, New Release)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**What's playing?**  
**Call the Movie Hotline, 52700.**



(Photo courtesy of Trina Tiffany)

**A look into the 'Window'**

CPN's Sarah Ankofski, who produces many of the "Window on the Atoll" episodes, talks about TV production to a class of children from the Child Development Center last week.

**DoD supports Army's adoption of black beret**

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, March 19, 2001) — The secretary of Defense supports the Army's decision to adopt a black beret as its standard garrison headgear and to allow Rangers to change the color of their berets to tan.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul

Wolfowitz announced the Department of Defense's beret support during a Pentagon press brief March 16.

Critics of the Army adopting the black beret have claimed that such a decision belittles the dedication and accomplishments of past and present Rangers.

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 8 to 13 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny with isolated showers.

**Winds:** Northeast at 8 to 13 knots, with higher gusts possible.

**Temperature:** Tonight's low 79°  
Tomorrow's high 87°

**March rain total:** 0.81"

**Annual rain total:** 6.09"

**Annual deviation:** -4.21"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

**Sun • Moon • Tides**

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday March 20	0654/1900	0322/1517	0241, 3.1' 1427, 4.4'	0809, 2.4' 2102, 1.7'
Wednesday March 21	0653/1900	0408/1605	0305, 4.0' 1501, 4.8'	0848, 1.9' 2125, 1.3'
Thursday March 22	0652/1900	0452/1653	0327, 4.4' 1529, 5.2'	0918, 1.5' 2148, 1.0'
Friday March 23	0652/1900	0534/1740	0350, 4.8' 1556, 5.5'	0946, 1.1' 2211, 0.7'